GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2417
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REVIVAL OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any scheme for revival of the Traditional Industries of Kerala such as Handloom, Cashew Coir etc.;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has any scheme for revival of traditional industries of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The Chief Minister of Kerala vide his letter dated 3.2.2005 addressed to the Prime Minister had requested the Central Government for a generous package for traditional industries such as cashew, coir, handloom and handicrafts in Kerala.

(b) to (d) In keeping with the anniuncement in the July, 2004 budget speech of Finance Minister, a draft Scheme titled the ` Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries `(SFURTI), covering traditional industries like coir, khadi and village industries, has been prepared. The draft scheme, with projected commencement during 2005-06, is based on a ` cluster approach ` and has been circulated to the Central Ministries/Departments concerned for their comments, prior to final approval.